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WAR & PEACE

Dulles at Geneva confronts world opposition to war

By Tabitha Petran

THE Geneva conference opened "under inauspicious circumstances for the West" (N.Y.Times, 4/25). Western statesmen seemed to be running in circles as Paris made "distraught" pleas for U.S.-British air and naval action in Indo-China; Washington pressured London to join a "crash" program of intervention; an extraordinary British cabinet session (4/25) refused "at this time"; U.S. Joint

Carrefour, Paris
"H as in cataclysm. . . ."

Chiefs chairman Adm. Radford held "crisis" talks with Churchill; and Washington—still testing and preparing public opinion—"weighed" intervention.

For the first time since World War II, the West was entering an international conference without a pre-agreed united front and strategy—and not for want of trying. The conference had been called, said India's Premier Nehru, "obviously because negotiation was considered both feasible and necessary"—but Washington's pre-conference moves had shown its unwillingness to negotiate.

INFURIATED STATESMEN: Washington's H-bomb diplomacy and efforts to extend the war in Southeast Asia had, in fact, so deepened Western divisions that U.S. and British officials could talk about imposing "sanctions against France" (Ned Russell, **This Week**, 4/25); had "infuriated the statesmen, diplomats and editors" of neutral Asia who reflect "the surprisingly unanimous public opinion" of the 550 million people of this area (Philip Deane, N.Y. **Herald Tribune**, 4/25); and had clearly failed to scare the U.S.S.R. or China.

As China for the first time in history entered world councils as a great power, the battle of Dienbienphu upon which Washington propagandists have staked "the future of Asia" seemed near its end. Already the bitter divisions within the French Command over the entire Navarre "win-the-war" strategy—pushed by Washington, and of which the suicidal attempt to build up Dienbienphu as an offensive bastion far inside Viet Minh territory was the supreme example—were leaking through the heavy censorship.

Dienbienphu's collapse could bring to a head the long-smouldering crisis in France, profoundly weakened by its long adherence to U.S. policy. The process that is making France an out-and-out U.S. satellite would in any case soon have to be reversed or completed. This is the meaning of the many press reports that "the Western alliance in its present form cannot long endure."

TOUGH FACTS: Washington's "immediate objective" at Geneva was "to prevent negotiation of a peace" (Scripps-Howard columnist Thomas L. Stokes); then quickly to build a Pacific NATO with a unified command in Singapore, under an American general who would direct not only the Indo-China war but also British operations in Malaya. But some hard realities had to be faced:

• Growing rebellion against U.S. "leadership" in W. Europe. Ned Russell (**This Week**, 4/25) cited these "fundamental reasons" for it: 1) "Few people in Europe, heads of governments or lowly officials or private citizens, believe any longer that they are threatened by the Soviet Union"; 2) U.S. failure "to adapt itself" to this new atmos-

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A Western diplomat at Geneva

It is very wrong of them
To defend themselves.
They should not
Have guns or ammunition.
We cannot understand
What they are fighting for.
There are no rich men
Or private properties.
We are very anxious
To come to a compromise,
But they must give way
On every point.

(These blank verses were written 35 years ago by an English author. The GUARDIAN offers a free 5th Anniversary LP record to the first reader who can identify the author.)

"I NEVER DIED, SAID HE"

Joe Hill, who wrote songs of solidarity for his oppressed brothers and died for the workingman's cause, is one of labor's heroes and martyrs throughout the world who are remembered in honor on May Day (see pp. 6-7). These workers dancing on May Day, 1953, in the streets of Prague, Czechoslovakia, where they now control their own destiny, attest to Joe Hill's immortality. New York workers are being allowed a 1½-hour May Day meeting in Union Sq. at 6 p.m. after the Union Sq. Businessmen's Assn. has had the use of the Square all day.

'WE CANNOT BELIEVE IT'—FORD LOCAL 600

Labor startled by 'voluntary' UAW wage cuts at Willys Toledo

By Lawrence Emery

ON April 14 production workers of Willys Motors Inc. in Toledo, Ohio, voted to accept a voluntary wage-cut proposed by Richard Gosser, a vice-pres. of the CIO's United Auto Workers. It was the first major pay reduction in the auto industry since the mid-Thirties. Other UAW leaders were startled; employers showed a brisk interest. **Business Week** of April 24 reported:

"This news had wide repercussions last week not only in Toledo but in Detroit's automotive world—and nationally, because of growing interest in wage levels in a softening economy."

So wide were the repercussions that Gosser denied a wage-cut, insisted that a face-saving provision for a future bonus plan would some day provide even more take-home pay. **Labor's Daily** reflected the confusion; it headlined its first story "Union Votes Pay Decrease to Hold Line on Job Loss," then next day "CIO Auto Workers Not Taking Slash in Wages."

"THE ONLY WAY": The facts are that about half of the firm's 7,000 production workers will now receive at least $4 a week less through a switch-over from an incentive pay plan to straight hourly wages. The promised bonus plan was not spelled out, will not take effect in any case until December. Gosser argued for the wage-cut as the "only way to keep the plant going," said the union must help the company compete with the industry's Big Three. The new rates are expected to save Willys 10% of its payroll, or about 56,000 a week. The plan also called for more production with fewer men. Within

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'THERE ARE SIMPLY TOO MANY ASIATICS'

What America's saying about Indo-China war

By Ione Kramer

WHILE all eyes were turned toward Geneva in the hope that talks there would produce a cease-fire in Indo-China, the voice of the people was beginning to make itself heard in response to government trial balloons and inch-by-inch steps leading to further U.S. involvement.

CONGRESS: "Political opposition [to the intervention of U.S. carrier-based planes in Dienbienphu] . . . is strong in both parties" (**NYT**, 4/26); but Congressmen seemed to be waiting to hear from the people. Led chiefly by Sen. Wayne Morse (Ind-Ore.), daily Senate debates in the past two weeks reflected "anxious reserve" (**NYT**, 4/20). Most outspoken against sending U.S. boys "on a bloodletting spree to perpetuate colonialism and white man's exploitation in Asia" in "Mr. Nixon's war" (Sen. Edwin C. Johnson, D-Colo.) were legislators—and newspapers—identified through the years with isolationism. Johnson (whose Korea cease-fire resolution in 1951 was a rallying point for peace forces) called military intervention "the most foolhardy venture in all American history." Rep. Clare Hoffman (R-Mich.) warned that if the U.S. gets into the war,

". . . the welfare of our people would be destroyed. . . . Unless the people arouse themselves and make their protests known, we will be in Indo-China, and that may be the beginning of the end of this as a free nation."

Previously Sens. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.), Russell Long (D-La.) and George Malone (R-Nev.) had come out

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Canard Enchaine, Paris
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The Pope—no comment

NEW YORK, N. Y.

The Times and Herald-Tribune have nothing to say editorially about the Pope's call for doing away with all weapons of mass extermination. Their silence must be denounced as proof of their complicity in the plans for a war the government intends to bring about at no matter what cost.

A. Garcia Diaz

No

ALPINE, CALIF.

In the Alpine Herald I read that "the nation's homemakers have been reassured by the Federal Civil Defense Administration that canned and packaged foods in their cupboards during an atomic attack would be safe to eat provided the containers are not punctured or broken," although "most radiation is destructive to living tissue." Further comfort: "Experts in mass feeding will be helping you within a matter of hours" to "keep your family on its feet, no matter what happens to your community."

Nothing on the subject of how you and the cupboard would escape being "punctured or broken," or how your family wou'd keep feet to stand on while awaiting the mass-feeding experts.

My question: Are enough insane asylums being built? John Moat

The coffee grab

NEW YORK, N. Y.

To get cheaper coffee, Americans should direct their fire not so much against the Brazilian "coffee kings" whom Joao de Voide presents as the chief villains (GUARDIAN, 4/5) as against U.S. corporate giants. Brazil's Inst. for Econ. Research showed some years ago that A & P and six other monopolistic coffee firms control 43% of Brazilian coffee exports. Other studies show they pay Brazilian planters 50-70% of the export price.

Today it is amply clear that A & P and its food-trust allies are manipulating the price. In 1953-54, the U.S. imported 167,000,000 lbs. (three weeks' normal import) more coffee from Nov.-Feb. than a year earlier, although consumption has fallen due to the high price. The food companies "justify" the price hike by the coffee futures jump on the speculative market—which, by accelerating their buying, they brought about themselves. And the "futures" price has nothing to do with the price they actually paid for coffee now reaching consumers. Coffee now selling at 20-25c more than a year ago was imported in or before Jan. or Feb., 1954. Here is the average import price: 1951, 50.6c; 1952, 51.3c; 1953, 52.7c; Dec., 1953, 53.3c; Jan., 1954, 54.1c; Feb., 1954, 55.6c.

With coffee now selling for $1.10-$1.15, which cost the big companies only a few cents more than coffee they sold for 85c, they are piling up windfall extra profits of $30-40 million a month.

Richard Greenspan
Assoc. ed., Latin America Today

"The Last Illusion"

ELGIN, ILL.

After reading Hershel D. Meyer's **The Last Illusion**, I was surprised by the perfunctory, shallow and supercilious review Mr. Belfrage gave it. The review expanded and distorted casual reference ot psychopathology to ridiculous degree. Meyer's brilliant analysis of capitalistic crisis (the best to appear in decades) is described as a "hobby," and the irrational war drive of American reactionaries is transformed into "insanities of his country," not of the imperialists. The Last Illusion he declares "indigestible" because its comprehensiveness correlates fascism, crime, cultural degradation and the Korean war. Not even the proof reader escapes the Belfrage burp.

The Last Illusion is magnificent in scope, competence, and wit. If Belfrage had psychic indigestion, his understanding was faulty and not this superb fare. Its table of contents on Page 5 of the April 19 GUARDIAN speaks for itself—appetizingly. Guardian Reader

How crazy can you get dept.

One of the most reassuring books yet written about the war in Korea is Substitute for Victory, by John Dille, who spent 2½ years in that country as a reporter. . . . "It was the first modern war we have fought with no clear end in view as we waged it." . . . But . . . "the war in Korea was a good war . . . a magnificent war. It had to be fought."

—Los Angeles Times, Feb. 21.

One-year free sub to sender of each item published under this heading. Winner: Newell Reynolds, Hollywood, Calif.

They go without

PHOENIX, ARIZ.

We are 100% for your wonderful paper and wish we could send 1,000 subs. But like the great mass of people in this rich country of ours, we have very little to get along on. We gladly go without to get the GUARDIAN. H. D. Haet

Cheers to Wier

PARKVILLE, MO.

There are many Congressmen who talk about the evils of McCarthyism, but the voting records of very few would indicate convictions going much beyond talk. One of these much-too-rare Congressmen is Rep. Roy W. Wier (D-Minn.), who should be honored by all liberal Americans as the only House member to vote against appropriations to the Un-American Committee. Last week Wier was one of the ten who cast dissenting votes when Brownell's "wiretap" bill was passed. I'm sure all GUARDIAN readers will join when I say: CHEERS TO WIER!

Clyde R. Appleton

It's a bug

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Were you up early Easter morning when the news caster for Awake magazine on WBBR told us that friend Joe had been in the Southwest recovering from a VIRUS INFLECTION? We knew all the time that everything he said was poison, but we're still not sure that we should blame it on a bug.

Fannie Moses

Wall Street Journal

". . . and stop calling me 'fellow traveler!'"

Is it basic?

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

I wonder if our excellent GUARDIAN will ever have a column of "How Crazy Can WE Get!" On March 29 it said (p. 1): "The excise bill cuts some higher luxury taxes down to 10%, but leaves intact over a billion per year in Korean War increases on basic items such as cigarettes, gasoline and autos."

What printer's devil let that one through? Or, what the devil made the Editor think these things are basic? Radical ecologists claim that the only really basic workers are producers of food, clothing or shelter; if a man can't raise potatoes, at least he can raise hell for soil or water conservation. Leon McDuff

God and Dulles

PARIS, FRANCE

The Presbyterian Church, it seems, has unfrocked Claude Williams. But the Presbyterian Church is the Church of Dulles.

Anna Melissa Graves

Our political victims

NEW YORK, N. Y.

At Christmas time, 1953, I was privileged to write to GUARDIAN readers in behalf of the families of the growing number of political victims in our country. Many sent contributions to me to be conveyed to the families committee; others responded directly. Since it has not been feasible to acknowledge all responses individually, I would like all contributors and all other GUARDIAN readers to share the information and sentiments contained in a letter I have just received from the committee:

"This is a most belated report on the results of the Xmas appeal made by you for our Families Committee. I cannot truly apologize, for as far as your magnificent readers are concerned, the campaign is not yet over. But for the sake of this report, we will consider it closed as of Mar. 29—and the truly staggering total as of that date is $6,136.60.

"Needless to say we are terribly thrilled by the response of so many people in behalf of Smith Act victims. This, to us, is very precious and heartening. And to you we are very grateful. It has made the difference between meeting our stupendous obligations or curtailing many of our services. Please extend our thanks to the many members of your staff who have helped. With respectful and warm admiration.

Hattie F. Charney,
Treasurer, for the Families."

I should like to add a note of personal admiration for the unending thoughtfulness and deep responsibility of GUARDIAN readers when such appeals reach them. There is much to be done before we in our time render today's Alien and Sedition laws "a nullity," as Jefferson did in 1801 in freeing the prisoners of Federalist repression, but I am certain that GUARDIAN readers will do most of the doing. John T. McManus

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"Return good for good—and for evil, justice."
—CHINESE PROVERB.

REPORT TO READERS

Our sub drive thrives; great gain in Bay Area

THE PAST WEEK is still to be counted, but thus far our April shower of subscriptions has brought 840 new subcribers, 1,119 renewals. Added to March's figures, the totals now stand at 2,052 new readers, 2,951 renewals since our drive began Mar. 1, a goodly sum-total of 5,003.

The new readership is largely in response to our $1-for-six-months introductory sub drive. Of the 2,053 new readers added thus far in March and April, our "Buck-of-the-Month" sustainers have been responsible for 1,156—putting their monthly bucks right to work by signing up their friends for trial subs. Less than 10% of our readers are monthly sustainers. So that's the percentage of the family who have been responsible for more than 50% of current growth.

Of course our pledgers get monthly reminders from us, with reply envelopes and special memos urging that each month's dollars do double duty by arriving accompanied by a signed-up new reader.

We haven't corraled the rest of you thus far to receive these monthly aids to making our GUARDIAN grow, but there is a sub blank just across this page, every week. When did YOU use one last?

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BAY AREA READERS and a lot of other Californians will be pleased, we know, to meet our new representative in the northern part of the state—San Francisco-born Malvina (Mrs. "Bud") Reynolds.

It's hard to pick which of her many facets to mention first, but the most universal is her song-writing for progressives—the rousing **Sing Along**, which appears in the new **Lift Every Voice** songbook (96 pp., People's Artists, 124 W. 21st St., N. Y. C., $1.25 ppd.); and others like **Free Enterprise** and **Birthday Polka**, which have appeared in People's Artists' periodical, **Sing Out.** A Ph.D. (and Phi Beta Kappa) from University of California, she has been variously a member of the AFL Teachers Union, Musicians Union, State, County & Municipal Workers, CIO-Steel Workers and Newspaper Guild. (Can anybody in the house match that?) Also, got a healthy vote in 1951 as candidate for Long Beach City Council on the IPP platform and, until she and Bud moved north, was the GUARDIAN's top spark-plug in Long Beach. So our loss in L. B. is our gain in S. F.-Oakland.

Keep in touch with her (address in masthead, above).

—THE EDITORS

Let Congress know

"If enough American citizens would let their Senators and Congressmen know we want to stay out of the Indo-China war, we might escape its endless horrors. It is astounding that no Senator has raised his voice strongly against the onrushing peril of approaching involvement. . . . Most of them sit supinely on the sidelines and watch the State Dept. thrust our country closer . . . to the unimaginable horrors of a hydrogen-bomb war."

—Ex-Governor of Florida Fuller Warren in a letter to Miami Herald.

Involvement would cost the U. S. at least 500,000 casualties and $100 billion, says Sen. Johnson. A Capitol Gist poll in Feb. showed 86% of over 100 Congressmen opposed to sending U. S. troops to Indo-China. Only those who elected them can make them speak up.

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WHAT BEVAN'S RESIGNATION AIMS AT

Target: Britain's cold war coalition

By Gordon Schaffer
Guardian special correspondent

"We are the people of England—and we haven't spoken yet."
—G. K. CHESTERTON

THE people have begun to speak in words of solemn warning to those who plan war in Indo-China or elsewhere.

In Britain today the real point of struggle is the cold-war coalition which the right-wing Labour Party leaders seek to maintain with the Tory government and the U.S. State Dept. Biggest blow struck against it yet was the 2-1 majority against W. German rearmament at the April conference of the Co-Operative Party, political wing of the Co-Operative movement. (This movement is not affiliated to the Labour Party, but is linked with it in the Natl. Council of Labour on which the Trades Union Congress is also represented. The movement's leaders have been the most docile of right-wing supporters; except for pacifist James Hudson, its 18 MP's—who run in elections as Labour-Co-Op candidates, and are part of the Parliamentary Labour Party—are all ardent followers of Labour leader Attlee.)

MOMENTOUS RUMBLINGS: The Co-Op revolt against rearming Germany followed the resignation of Aneurin Bevan from the Parliamentary Labour Party executive on the heels of the H-bomb debates. Then within a week 848 of 850 delegates at the Shop, Distributive & Allied Workers conference, 197 of 200 at that of the Assn. of Engineering & Shipbuilding Draughtsmen, voted against German rearmament; the N. Ireland Labour Party in a 17,700-2,400 vote urged the British party to resist the rearmament of Germany.

These rumblings within Labour are momentous, for if the party's alliance with the Tories on key foreign-policy questions is broken, the Tory government will not dare "go it alone." If the trade unions unitedly resist attempts to inveigle Britain into war alliances in Europe and Asia, the government will be as powerless as was that of Lloyd George and Churchill in 1920, when the Labour- and trade union-led Council of Action forced an end to intervention against the Russian revolution.

THE FULTON TERROR: The Labour Party, trade union and Co-Op rank-and-file were never happy about the Labour government's tacit acceptance of Churchill's Fulton, Mo., speech in 1946 which launched the cold war. Over 200 MP's denounced the speech at the time, but Attlee and his Foreign Secy. Bevin were silent. Subsequently, left-wing Labour MP's were terrified to come out in the open after three of them who were expelled from the party met disastrous defeat running as independents in 1950.

Many local Labour parties were forced to choose right-wingers as candidates, so that the Parliamentary Labour Party came to be far to the right of feeling in the country. Other local parties refused to accept the official policy, or to carry out the leadership's order to expel members of peace and East-West friendship groups. But these progressive islands could do little more than keep up a guerrilla struggle against the leaders. Progressive unions were isolated. The Co-Op movement had to toe the line laid down by right-wing leaders. Its Sunday journal **Reynolds News**, which for 15 years had given a lead to progressive Labour, was silenced.

REVOLT WITH A STING: Possibilities of organizing serious opposition within the party emerged when Aneurin Bevan resigned from the Labour government, during the most cowardly period of all when Foreign Secy. Morrison signed Dulles' treaty with Japan and pledged Britain to German rearmament. But

ANEURIN BEVAN
Time for showdown

Labour remained divided and bewildered in face of Bevan's weak position of opposing arms expenditures without denouncing the anti-Soviet policy responsible for the arms drive. The Bevanite campaign for peace with China—imposing on participants the impossible condition that they accept the "N. Korean aggression" thesis—was stillborn.

The significance of the present revolt is that it is based on resistance to the whole foreign policy of the Labour-Tory coalition—a resistance which alone can make a serious fight-back possible on domestic questions. Whether under an Attlee-Morrison-Gaitskell or a Churchill-Eden-Butler government, the arms program makes the cuts in education, health and other social services inevitable. Indeed, the right-wing Labour leaders would probably be even more insistent on sacrificing butter for guns. It was not Labour Chancellor of the Exchequer Gaitskell, but the Tories' Butler, who said in the budget debate: "We must obtain some definite relief from the defense burden." While the industrialists call for East-West trade, the right-wing Labour and union leaders want such trade kept "within the limits of the cold war."

ATTLEE & THE BOMB: After the shock of the American H-bomb explosion Attlee momentarily regained the position of leadership, but then the bomb was denounced even more forcibly by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, and by the Pope. Attlee lost his opportunity to change the situation by failing to link it with genuine opposition to U.S. H-bomb diplomacy; by not following up with tangible proposals for resistance to Dulles' "instant retaliation" threat; and because he had no real reply to Churchill's charge that it was Attlee's government which gave the U.S. a free hand to use the bomb.

Attlee, in fact, has never denied the allegation in Sen. Vandenberg's **Private Papers** that the condition of Marshall aid for Britain was an agreement, concluded in 1948, releasing the U.S. from its pledge not to use the A-bomb unless Britain and Canada consent.

RIGHT, RIGHT, RIGHT: At the Labour MP's meeting where Bevan resigned from the Parliamentary Party executive, the issue was whether the party should declare that it would under no circumstances follow the U.S. into the Indo-China war. If the Attlee group had merely accepted a resolution refusing to support the sending of British troops to France's "dirty war," there would have been no crisis. But this was the coalition in action. Attlee would not go out of step with Churchill; Churchill would not go out of step with Dulles.

The revolt against German rearmament fits into this. The Labour Party's natl. executive, in which Bevan and his five supporters remain, still back the coalition policy of arming the Nazi generals and forcing France into the European Army (EDC). It is planning (if it dares) to discipline the Labour MP who attended the recent anti-German-rearmament conference with non-Communist leaders in France. But if it forces a showdown, it knows now that the movement will rise in protest. And the battle will embrace the whole question of coalition in foreign policy.

MENE, MENE: That is why the Co-Operative Party decision is the writing on the wall. On the night after the decision, the right-wing Co-Op leaders were busy declaring that they must remain loyal to Parliamentary Labour Party decisions. The answer to that is that if they had voted as their own party now directs, there would have been a substantial Parliamentary Party Majority against rearming Germany.

The Co-Op leaders completely overestimated their strength; they thought hundreds of small Co-Op societies would support them even though they knew certain big ones would not. Their

Drawing by Dyad, London
"All those in favor of E. D. C. say Heil."

shock recalled that of the Labour leadership when, instead of a comfortable Parliamentary Party majority for German rearmament, they got a majority of only two after many manœuvers.

THE BIG BATTLE: No trade union with any semblance of rank-and-file democracy can now be relied on to support the right-wing leadership. Before the autumn Labour Party and TUC conferences, we shall see decisions at the union conferences which will make the right-wing leaders' isolation even more clear.

The coalition is breaking, but the battle against the powerful party machine, still in the right wing's hands, has yet to be won. If the party is to wage a genuine battle for peace, it must defeat the machine.

N. Y. conference charts aid to Africans seeking freedom

By Eugene Gordon

AN all-day "Working Conference in Support of African Liberation" in New York April 24 registered 114 delegates and observers—57 women and 57 men—from New York, Conn., D.C., Mass., Louisiana, Penn., and Washington State. With special attention to the struggles of the people of Kenya, it set up an organizing committee of at least one person from each of the 19 trade unions and 32 other organizations represented. The conference adopted a program with these goals:

- A nationwide Kenya Aid Committee with "outstanding and representative" men and women "from all walks of life";
- Beginning June 1 and extending through August, a campaign to raise at least $5,000 "to be sent to aid the freedom struggles of the people of Kenya";
- The gathering of "quantities of dried milk, vitamin pills and first-aid supplies" for Kenya;
- Getting the Kenya Committee of London—Peter Mbiyu Koinange, London representative of the Kenya African Union, founder of Kenya College, and son of an African chief imprisoned in Kenya, included—to serve as distributing agency for funds and materials raised in the campaign.

New York members of the organizing committee will form a resident committee, the two assuming responsibility for carrying out the program. Local aid committees will assist. The committees in N.Y.C. will conduct a series of monthly forums to rally public support and spread information about Africa and especially Kenya.

"A FIERCE DISTASTE": Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, vice chairman of the Council on African Affairs and author of many books on Africa, was the main speaker at the conference. Citing the interest shown by U.S. residents of Italian and Irish descent in what happens in Italy and Ireland, he deplored the lack of interest in Africa by U.S. Negroes. He attributed this to the fact that there has grown up in America

> ". . . a generation of Negroes who know nothing of Africa, [who have] been taught by American schools, literature and science to despise its past and present [so that] there arose among us a fierce distaste of being associated with Africa."

The Negro church, however, "tried to support and maintain missionary effort in Africa," co-operating with white missionaries "even when the whites did not want to send black missionaries to the land of the blacks." So "Negro churches organized and sent their own missionaries." He said:

> "The center of the fight for maintaining colonialism is moving today from Asia, where Europe and the U.S. are losing, to Africa, where they are organizing a determined last stand for making the color line perpetuated in the modern world.
>
> ". . . Surely this is a matter in which American Negroes must be interested, for, if colonial serfdom is maintained in Africa, the color line will not disappear in Afro-America. . . . The coming revolution in Black Africa is to free black labor . . . and thus complete Negro emancipation in the U.S."

THE PATTERN: Council chairman Paul Robeson said:

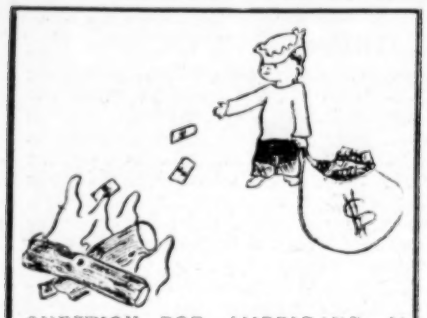
> "There is not yet sufficient understanding of the fact that the killings in Kenya and other parts of Africa are a part of the pattern of killings everywhere people are fighting for their liberation. Secy. Dulles' and Vice-President Nixon's declaring that liberation struggles hereafter will be considered as 'internal subversion' means that we may be sent to Africa to kill Kenyans."

To show the indivisibility of interests of white workers in the U.S. with African workers, Robeson pointed out that many U.S. millionaires owned mines in Africa: when a U.S. mine owner "exploits a new mine with cheap, unorganized black labor in Africa, a mine closes in Montana."

Kumar Goshal, GUARDIAN associate editor, said that if U.S. citizens could develop foresight comparable to their hindsight they could save the people of Africa from what the people of Indo-China are suffering:

> "So what we have to do now is realize that what is happening in Africa is fundamentally the same thing as is happening in Indo-China: the determination of the colonial peoples to be free and to control and exploit their own resources for their own benefit, and to build their economy and their society as they see fit."

Other speakers were Laurence Graham, brother of Mrs. Shirley Graham DuBois and authority on African affairs; Mrs. Mildred McAdory, member of United Furniture Workers Local 140; Dr. Alpheus Hunton, Council director; Charles Collins, former vice-pres. of Local 6, Hotel & Club Employes Union, AFL.



QUESTION FOR AMERICANS: If this boy threw one dollar into the fire every second, how long would it take him to burn the cost of the Second World War to the nation?

ANSWER: 42,738 years. (According to the "World Almanac," the military cost of World War II was $1,116,991,463,084, and estimated property damage was $230,000,000,000.)

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phere, shown most conspicuously in its stand against China's admission to UN; 3) "weariness" with the arms burden and fear of hydrogen war.

• The united opposition of neutral Asia, whose 'main preoccupation now is to find a way to keep the U.S. out of the Indo-China War" (Drane). The Premiers of India, Pakistan, Burma, Ceylon and Indonesia were meeting in Ceylon April 28

". . . to work out a common policy on how to keep Southeast Asia for the Southeast Asians, denying the area to the Communists and above all to the Americans. . . . Clearly the West represents for Southeast Asia public opinion the greater danger" (Deane).

The thinking of this huge area was represented by Nehru's proposals to give priority at Geneva to an Indo-China cease-fire; set up a cease-fire group composed of actual belligerents, initiate direct negotiations between the parties concerned; conclude a non-intervention agreement, and end French sovereignty. They were scored in the U.S. Senate as "equivalent to sanctioning Communist aggression."

• The impossibility of Western victory in Asia. The **Christian Science Monitor** (4/14, 16), noting an "almost exact" analogy between Indo-China today and China in 1948, said that a wide range of U.S. and allied military and diplomatic experts now believe even all-out U.S. intervention in Indo-China could not bring decisive victory.

CHEERFUL PEOPLE: In contrast to the West's confusion and crisis, the U.S.S.R. and China came to Geneva with freedom to maneuver in working to relax world tensions. While Dulles tried to dictate terms as if they had been defeated in war, the extent to which they were leading from strength was underlined at the meetings, which began April 21, of the newly-elected Supreme Soviet in Moscow. In face of H-bomb threats the new Soviet budget cut military spending by 10%, making it 17.8% of the total budget. (Despite Administration claims, U.S. military spending remains at the $3.6 billion-a-month peak reached in January, 1953; it totals 68% of the 1955 budget.) Addressing the Supreme Soviet the day the Geneva conference opened, Premier Malenkov said the Soviet people

". . . are on guard against overestimating the significance of the easing of international tension that has been achieved, because the enemies of strengthening the peace have not given up aggressive aspirations. . . . In the Soviet Union there reigns an atmosphere of cheerfulness, confidence and peaceful, creative labor, while in the U.S., as is being admitted by U.S. official circles, the social atmosphere is poisoned by fear, anxiety and despondency. Such is the result of a policy of threats and intimidation."

America's saying

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against participation. Sen. Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) opposed intervention of U.S. ground forces because it would take "a goodly number of divisions" and draw China, possibly Russia, into the war. Liberal Democrats like Sens. Humphrey (Minn.) and Douglas (Ill.) have confined their concern to requests for "the facts" on U.S. policy and consultation with Congress on new steps.

THE PRESS: Newspapers even hinting opposition to Indo-China participation were receiving reams of approving mail. In an "Editor's Notebook" column titled "U.S. Must Keep Troops Out of Indochina" (Akron **Beacon Journal**, Chicago **Daily News**, Detroit **Free Press**), publisher John S. Knight wrote:

". . . This is a struggle we cannot win. There are simply too many Asiatics on the other side. Let's keep out!"

Looking toward Geneva, the St. Louis **Post-Dispatch** editorialized April 11:

"The Indo-Chinese war ought to be brought to an end without enlargement due to greater participation by either the Chinese Communists or the U.S."

The **Wall St. Journal** favored settling the war by partition of Indo-China, warning the U.S. delegation:

"Fixed ideas . . . have their risks. . . . Perhaps stalemate settlements are all that can reasonably be expected from stalemate wars" (4/23). 'The dangers of continuing the war . . . can hardly be exaggerated" (4/8).

The **Chicago Tribune** asked (3/31):

"Has the administration plumped in favor of the easy panacea of war to invigorate the fading boom?"

While supporting the proposals of Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) for independence for Bao Dai's Viet Nam before any U.S. action, the N.Y. **Daily News** wrote (4/7):

"This much is certain: . . . U.S. public opinion is mostly against pouring out money indefinitely to preserve French colonialism, and just about unanimously against sending U.S. fighting men into a second and possibly worse Korea. . . ."

At the grassroots editors were more firm, as indicated by a Minneapolis **Tribune** roundup of Minnesota papers (4/7). If paying 78% of the cost of the Indo-Chinese war "isn't participating in the war, just what is?" asked editor Rowland Bergstrom of the Cottonwood County **Citizen** (Windom). Suggesting we take our eyes off Sen. McCarthy so we could "watch more closely some things of greater importance," O. H. Prestemon, Columbia Hts. **Record** editor, added:

". . . Concentration camps are in readiness in different parts of the country for those who dare raise a voice of protest."

Under the title "Don't Push U.S. Into Another War As In Korea," the N.J. Hudson City **Dispatch** editorialized:

"Red China is not helping them [the Vietminh] as much as the U.S. is helping France against the rebels."

BREADLINES PREFERRED: Four out of five voters polled in New Jersey opposed sending U.S. troops, according to a Princeton poll there early in March. Letters to Virginia Congressmen are "unanimous" against sending troops (**AP**, 4/24). In Chicago, NBC Commentator Alex Dreier raised the question "should we or should we not" be in Indo-China. He got 5,000 letters, mostly emphatic No's.

UAW Local 6 was circulating through the Intl. Harvester plant at Melrose Park, Ill., an open letter to Secy. Dulles:

"We cannot sit idly by while we just drift into war. . . . In the name of anti-communism [big business, in the saddle in the country] aligns itself with the most reactionary forces all over the world."

War in Indo-China is no solution to a depression, wrote UAW Ford Local 600 in **Ford Facts**; the U.S. can have both peace and jobs, but

"We in Local 600 would rather stand in the breadlines than have one American youth die in an abortive attempt to hold together the last remnants of French colonialism. . . ."

Four Chicago Congressmen — Sen. Everett Dirksen, Reps. Timothy Sheehan, Thomas Gordon and William McVey—put themselves on record against sending U.S. troops in answer to telegrams from Mine-Mill Local 758.

"SERVE NOTICE . . .": A Save Our Sons Comm. (Argo, Ill.) leaflet asked:

"Serve notice to Mr. Dulles that we will not send our sons to another war.

Herblock in Washington Post

"The free world, as usual, is looking to Washington for an answer to Indo-China, but Washington is looking at Joe McCarthy." Reston, N.Y. Times, Apr. 28.

. . . There is every indication that this war, if we get into it, will lead to an atomic war—there are no issues which cannot be resolved through negotiations. It is either that, or possible total destruction and radioactivation of the world."

The American Peace Crusade (35 W. 26th St., N.Y.C. 10) called for early public hearings and favorable action by the Senate Foreign Relations Comm. on Sen. Wm. Langer's Resolution S.C.R. 71, reaffirming 'Constitutional authority of Congress alone to declare war."

"No amount of rubber or tin is worth the risk of mutual annihilation in world war III," said a leaflet from Calif.'s Independent Progressive Party, demanding an immediate cease-fire in Indo-China, an end to further A- and H-bomb tests, an international treaty banning bombs. Said the Public Affairs Forum of Utah County (Provo, Utah):

"Imperialism has served its time . . . the peoples of the world have outgrown it. . . . In the interest of peace and progress, it should be abandoned."

Petrov and Zinoviev

THE Petrov Affair (defection of a Soviet diplomat in Australia with "revelations on Communist agents") made headlines round the world as a new Gouzenko case on the eve of the Geneva conference. Scarcely noticed was the "timing of Petrov's defection . . . so politically opportune for the [Australian] Government," as reported (4/15) by the **Manchester Guardian** from Melbourne. The **MG** strongly denied that the Petrov case was another "Zinoviev letter" (the famous forgery of a "letter" from the then Comintern head to the British Communist Party, which brought the Tories a sweeping victory in Britain's 1924 elections). The affair was a 'pre-election bombshell" coming a month before general elections May 29, when the governing Liberal-Country party coalition—which has incurred unpopularity by accepting Japanese rearmament and relaxing import controls on Japanese goods—faces serious challenge from the Labour Party. The Petrov case so clearly gives the Liberals "the big stick" (**MG**) in the elections that Australian newspapers like the Melbourne **Sun-Pictorial** found it necessary to warn readers: "Spy Charges Not Stunt for Poll."

Willys Toledo

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a week of the move, Gosser boasted that the plant was turning out 5% more cars with 74 fewer workers.

Willys pres. Edgar Kaiser praised the new arrangement as a "constructive step forward." Others saw it differently. Carl Stellato, pres. of the UAW Ford Local 600, wired UAW pres. Walter Reuther:

"We cannot believe the stories are true and authentic. We cannot and will not believe that the UAW has embarked on a 'giveaway' program."

He told the Toledo **Blade:**

"I don't see how any amount of wage cuts could possibly make Willys competitive with a huge corporation like Ford and General Motors."

In some Detroit plants petitions for Gosser's removal began circulating.

BAD BUSINESS: The problem of holding up wages under the pressures of increasing unemployment worried many. There were other trouble spots. In San Francisco five AFL unions representing some 10,000 auto repair men decided against asking even for fringe benefits in current negotiations because business is bad and "there is no sense of putting more firms out of business." On April 26, 3,000 CIO Textile workers struck eight New England mills of the American Woolen Co. against a threat to cut wages 21½c an hour.

The UAW itself will not negotiate on wages for another year, when its five-year contracts expire. Reuther is putting all emphasis on a guaranteed annual wage; a recent three-day UAW educational conference in Chicago attended by 2,500 delegates debated this thoroughly, ended with most questions still unanswered. The CIO, which Reuther also heads, is studiously vague about wages at this time; an exec. board meeting in March had this to say:

"Collective bargaining must be strengthened to protect consumer buying power and to enable workers to obtain a fair share of the rising productivity of American industry."

Reuther strongly opposes growing demands in the plants for a shorter work-week; many auto locals favor a 6-hour day. In the past he has declared such demands to be communist-inspired; more recently he has insisted that any work-week reduction would mean "sharing the scarcity."

STEEL, MINES, PACKING: The CIO steelworkers union—usually a pattern-setter for big industry—will begin negotiations next month, but its leadership has not indicated what its wage demands will be, if any. Regional conferences have discussed the guaranteed annual wage, a 6-hour day with "earnings maintained at a high level," and an increase in personal income-tax exemptions as means to hold present income levels.

The Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers (ind.), at an April conference of leaders, set its goal this year for a general 25c hourly increase and adopted as long-range policy a demand "for the 6-hour day with eight hours pay":

"We propose to work for achievement of this goal through negotiations, through education of our members, and through legislative and political action. As one means of working toward this objective we urge full support by all locals for the Murray Bill (Sen. 2914) which proposes to establish a 35-hour week under the Fair Labor Standards Act within two years."

In Chicago this month the two big AFL and CIO unions in the packing-house industry agreed to work together for these joint wage demands: 25c hourly increase, 36½-hour work-week with 40 hours' pay, and company-paid benefits to laid-off workers.

But the Gosser voluntary wage cut alarmed many in labor and there were other trends to cause worry. One of the most recent was a no-raise agreement signed by eight major AFL building trades unions with the Master Builders Assn. of Western Pennsylvania, covering some 25,000 workers.

THE CRY IS "JOBS — NOT WELFARE"

Unemployed Dodge workers jam hearing in Detroit City Hall to get some action

GUARDIAN special correspondent

DETROIT

ABOUT 500 jobless Dodge workers paraded in front of the Dodge Main Plant in Hamtramck for 90 minutes at 7 a.m. April 13, then crowded into the Common Council chamber of Detroit City Hall to press for work. They carried signs and wore bright yellow tags calling for "Jobs—Not Welfare," "30-Hour Week At 40-Hours' Pay" and "Public Works Program Now." The demonstrations were organized by Dodge Local 3, UAW-CIO, through its Unemployed Committee (one unemployed representative from each of 13 units).

Chrysler Corp. executives, who had to walk through the line to get to their offices, appeared irked. One of them complained to Local 3 pres. Joe Cheal: "This is what is ruining the business."

Common Council members seemed awed at the gathering, which overflowed from the spectators' gallery. They listened for five minutes to Local 3 vice-pres. C. Pat Quinn, who asked for a public works program to take care of the city's unemployed. A week ago some Council members were "too busy" to address the Dodge jobless at their union hall, but this time Council pres. Louis C. Miriani asked Quinn to stay a while and give more details.

SENIOR WORKERS IDLE: About 60% of the idle Dodge workers have exhausted unemployment compensation benefits. Hardest hit are about 3,000 transmission workers laid off last fall after Chrysler started operating its new transmission plant at Indianapolis.

The union-Chrysler contract calls for seniority by departments or divisions except when "operations or departments are discontinued." Chrysler maintains that the Dodge Main transmission dept. has not been discontinued but will start up again at an unspecified date. Meanwhile transmission workers with 35 years' seniority are walking the streets.

Next-hardest hit are workers in the foundry, where layoffs have slashed back to 1934 seniority.

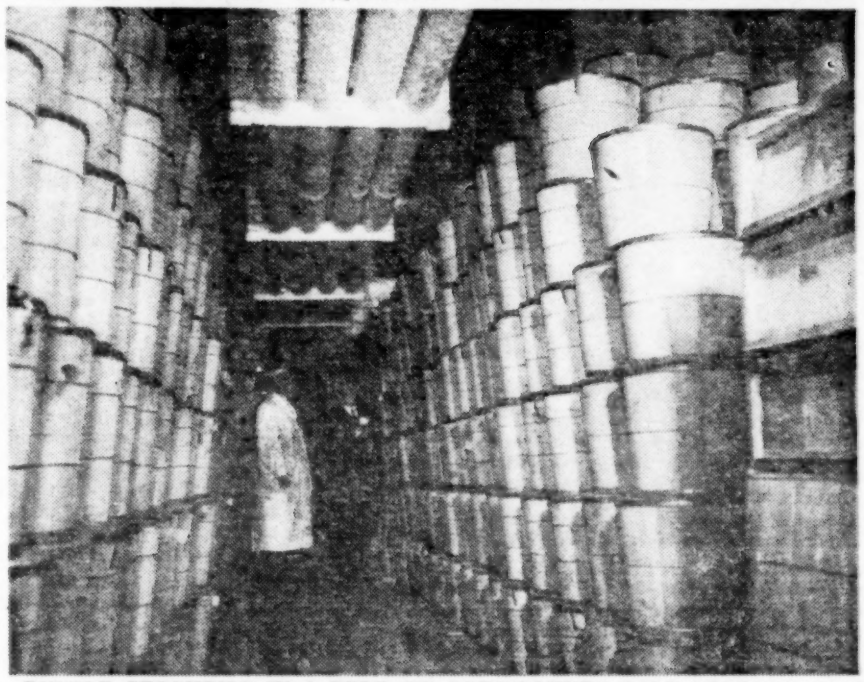
IDLE PLANTS & MEN: The second largest auto plant in this area, Dodge Main sprawls over 5½ million square feet of floor space. Of 33,000 who worked there in June, 1953, about 12,000 are left today. Half of the body assembly lines have been idle since December.

Auto sales have dropped 9.5% in 1954, according to Rep. Crumpacker (R-Ind.) who told the House March 30:

> "While GM and Ford production has increased during 1954, production has fallen off more than half in other segments of the industry. In the week ending March 13, Ford and GM production represented 86.7% of the total for the entire industry."

There are 216,000 unemployed workers in Michigan, of whom 135,000 are in Detroit, according to the Michigan Employment Security Commission.

Free World Vignette: Cavities and Caves



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The youngsters belong to the families of migratory workers, and their plight was made known by Virginia Carrington, vice principal of a special county school. Miss Carrington reported that about 70 children, 6 to 13 years old, are affected and six of them are ill from lack of food.

"The children can hold up pretty well, though," the vice principal said, adding: "When they do feel hungry we send them out for a glass of water. That helps them for half an hour. Then they must go out again."

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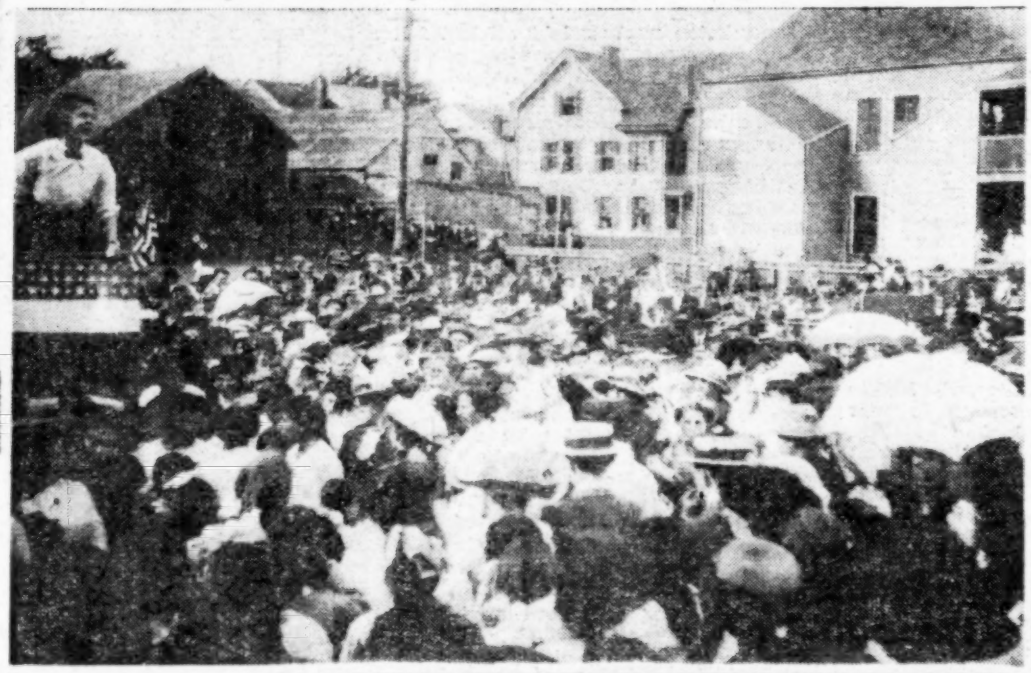
THE COPPER BOSSES KILLED YOU, JOE. I NEVER DIED, SAYS HE

May Day, 1954: Joe Hill returns



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UP FROM THE BOWERY: Joe Hill came to America at 19 from Sweden in 1901. He cleaned spittoons and "rattled the music box" in a Bowery saloon, did other odd jobs in New York for about a year before heading West. He stacked wheat, laid pipelines, mined copper, worked the West Coast docks, went to sea, wound up in San Pedro where, in 1911, striking Southern Pacific railroad workers were being slugged and scabbed. The union was the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW), formed in 1905 by western miners, metal workers and independents under leadership of William D. (Big Bill) Haywood, Eugene V. Debs and others to organize industrial workers and other wage-earners excluded by the American Federation of Labor.

Joe Hill's first known labor song emerged from the San Pedro strike, a parody on the original **Casey Jones** describing a scabbing engineer who "kept his junkpile running" and worked double time to please the boss; then one day cracked up and went to heaven. Ultimately he gets skidoo'd down to hell for scabbing on Angels Union Local No. 23.

PIE IN THE SKY: Joe Hill had joined the IWW in 1910. The union published a "Little Red Songbook," pocket-size, "to fan the flames of discontent," and Joe Hill proved a natural for it. His second union song was **The Preacher and the Slave** (to the tune of **In the Sweet Bye and Bye**) which bequeathed to all future generations the immortal lines "you'll get pie in the sky, when you die!" By 1912 Joe had four songs clicking wherever labor struggles took place, the new ones written for the Canadian Northern strikers, **Where the Fraser River Flows** (tune: **River Shannon**); and for the Lawrence, Mass., textile strikers (most famous surviving line: "weaving cloth with bayonets is hard to do.")

By the time of the first great Free Speech Fight of the IWW in San Diego, Joe Hill had written a dozen hit labor songs, all fitted to popular hymns and ditties (the 1913 "Little Red Songbook" had 13 of Joe's songs).

SOAP BOX TACTIC: The Free Speech Fight was an IWW tactic wherever police denied the right of street-corner speaking to unions. As fast as the police hauled in one speaker, another would step up on the soapbox. Soon jails were filled to overflowing and the freights would be bringing in new waves of "Wobblies" to take over the soapboxes and glut the jails. This, combined with the irrepressible singing, was proving an indomitable device wherever practiced—and the combination moved all over the West: Spokane, Denver, Salt Lake and into the copper empire of the Utah Copper Co. Joe Hill, by then an IWW jawsmith, moved into Utah, too.

The governor of Utah, paunchy William Spry, was known to the miners as "Spry Bill, the jumping jack of the copper kings." In the Bingham Canyon copper strike of 1912, he mobilized the state militia to protect scabs. At Tucker, where in 1913 the IWW won a strike involving 1,500 men, copper police tried to frame Ed Rowan, secretary of Salt Lake IWW Local 69. Early in 1914 the IWW paper **Solidarity** warned that "concerted action is now going on all over the country to imprison members of our organization on some pretext or other."

THE MURDER: One week after this article appeared, a policeman-turned-grocer and his son were shot and killed by two masked men in Salt Lake. The son was said to have shot one of the two. All signs pointed to revenge. The intended victim had been attacked previously and had given his wife the names of two men to investigate if anything should happen to him. (Neither of these, of course, was Joe Hill. There has never been anything to indicate that Hill and the grocer-cop, Morrison, ever laid eyes on one another.)

But a little more than two hours later that night, Joe Hill came to the office of a doctor friend to be treated for a fresh gunshot wound which had torn through his body, exiting in the back and piercing his coat front and back. He said he had been in a fight over a woman, that he was as much in the wrong as the other fellow, that he had been shot with his hands high over his head (the holes in his coat were four inches lower than the wound, front and back) and he refused to name his assailant or the woman.

BUM SHOT: There were several other unexplained gunshot wounds treated in lusty Salt Lake City that same night, but three days later the police seized

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—Solidarity

Squad with the Screen Removed."

found dead in Utah," Joe said in his last arters, so his body was brought to Chicago.

IN CHICAGO, 30,000 people gathered for the funeral service on Thanksgiving morning, 1915, in the West Side Auditorium (cap. 3,000). Judge Hilton delivered the angry, passionate funeral oration which later caused his disbarment; the mourners sang Joe Hill songs, then the cortege wound its way to Graceland Cemetery. There Jim Larkin, noted Irish labor leader who himself was later sent to jail in New York, said: "Joe Hill was shot to death because he was a member of the fighting section of the American Working Class, the IWW. Because he cried out in the marketplace . . . the truth that would make men free, for such a crime they crucified the Man of Galilee. . . . Aye, and for such a crime they will crucify millions unborn, if we cry not halt." Other speakers were legion, headed by IWW leader Big Bill Haywood. Untold thousands filed past the body of the "murdered minstrel of Toil" from the time it was prepared for view in Salt Lake City throughout the Chicago ceremony. His remains were "wet with the tears of many nationalities." In Joe's poetic Last Will he asked to be cremated "and let the merry breeze blow my dust to where some flowers grow." He was duly cremated and his ashes distributed into many small envelopes. On May Day, 1916, Joe Hill's ashes were given to the winds of five continents and to 47 of the United States, Utah excepted—in final obedience to his desire not to be found dead in Utah.

In Memoriam
Joe Hill
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Joe Hill and charged him with the Morrison shooting. Soon after he was taken into custody a policeman fired on Hill as he lay on a cot, crippling one hand and failing to kill him, as Joe said later, "only because of his unfamiliarity with firearms."

Twenty-two months later, despite protests involving the whole American labor movement and its friends and including the pleas of President Woodrow Wilson and the government of Sweden, Gov. Spry ordered execution of Joe Hill, by a firing squad (a method chosen by Hill under Utah law because he regarded himself as a prisoner of the class war.)

This story, its background and its aftermaths Barrie Stavis has assembled in intricate detail, in an exciting and absorbing manner, and against great difficulties, since many records of the Hill case have disappeared from files of the Utah courts. Even the movies and photographs of his spectacular funeral were stolen by a federal agent planted in the IWW office and have never since come to light.

THE PLAY: Of Stavis' three-act dramatization, which occupies the latter half of the book, a Midwest union leader said after a recent reading:

"To me it is really a great play. In first importance I rank the opportunity to speak of the class struggle in its historical truthfulness. I feel that the misleadership of labor in the recent historical past, and of course still now, is made easier because we have been unable to admit the fact of class struggle. . . .

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LIVING STORY: As a play, **The Man Who Never Died** may for obvious reasons not reach Broadway production for a long time (unlike two of Stavis' earlier plays, **Lamp at Midnight** (about Galileo) and **The Sun and I** (about Joseph in Egypt). But as a dramatic and meaningful history of an American era in the world-old struggle of man to come into his own Stavis' book is incomparable. It should indeed be owned and read with zest by everyone who has ever joined in a chorus of **Joe Hill.** But most importantly, it can be placed in the hands of anyone—student, scholar or whodunit reader—with confidence that it will be eagerly read and that it will help dispel many of the blurs which deface the real, living story of American labor.

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May Day rally

The Provisional Committee for the 69th Anniversary of May Day called on New Yorkers to gather near Union Sq. at 5 p.m. on May Day; the rally will start at 6.

6-MONTH SUSPENSION

Supreme Court, 6-3, OK's ban on Barsky

THE U. S. Supreme Court April 27 upheld 6-3 the six months' suspension of Dr. Edward K. Barsky's license to practice medicine. It thus upheld N. Y. State's Education Law under which the Education Dept.'s medical committee on grievances suspended Barsky for three months and the full committee increased it to six, following his conviction in 1947 for "contempt of Congress." As natl. chairman of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee he had refused to turn over its records to the Un-American Activities Committee.

Justices Frankfurter, Black and Douglas dissented. Said Douglas:

"So far as I know, nothing in a man's political beliefs disables him from setting broken bones or removing ruptured appendices safely and efficiently. When a doctor cannot save lives in America because he is opposed to Franco in Spain, it is time to call a halt and to look critically at the neurosis that has possessed us."

Dr. Barsky told the GUARDIAN that, since some time would be required for the order to come through, he probably would be able to "clean up some of the stuff now under observation" before the moment he is forced into a six months retirement. Another physician said Barsky is not only "one of the most competent surgeons in the U. S., but also one of the most popular, especially with the poor," and that his suspension would be a serious temporary loss. Some 1,800 physicians out of 26,000 in N. Y. State appealed to in the original case expressed concern at the government's depriving any of them of his right to practice, solely because of his political views.

An American mother to remember May 9

"Sunday, May 9th, is Mother's Day. The qualities for which we honor mothers—love for their children, self-sacrifice, self-respect—are qualities which Rosa Lee Ingram has demonstrated beyond measure."

Thus 90-year-old Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, chairman of the Women's Committee for Equal Justice (6 E. 17th St., N. Y. C. 3), introduced a call to honor Mrs. Ingram on Mother's Day and intensify the fight for her and her two young sons' freedom. Mrs. Ingram was imprisoned with her sons seven years ago for killing a white farmer in self-defense. Postcard Mother's Day greetings, with reproductions of paintings by the noted Negro artist Charles White, are being sold in quantities at 5c each by Civil Rights Congress, 6 E. 17th St., N. Y. C. 3. Mother's Day greetings may be sent to Mrs. Ingram at Reidsville Prison, Reidsville, Ga.

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DEPORTATION MADNESS GOES ON

Writer, 64, gets 10 yrs. in McCarran Case

FOR "wilful" failure to apply for travel documents, 64-year-old Knut Heikkinen, editorial writer for the Superior (Wis.) Finnish-American daily **Eteenpain-Tyomies**, was sentenced April 14 in the Wausau (Wis.) Federal District Court to ten years in jail. Ordered deported in 1952, Heikkinen immediately applied for a Canadian passport; he became a Canadian citizen in 1911, came to the U. S. in 1916. Last year he was informed his Canadian citizenship had been canceled; he applied to the Finnish government for travel documents, but was indicted before he could hear from Finland.

Calling the sentence "in effect, a death sentence," secy. Abner Green of the American Comm. for Protection of Foreign Born said it

". . . was possible only as the result of the McCarthyite hysteria and discrimination engendered against foreign-born Americans by the police-state provisions of the Walter-McCarran Law. . . . [It] reflects the sheer brutal and inhuman attitude taken by McCarthyites to human beings. Nothing could justify this kind of jail sentence for a man who has harmed no one."

Heikkinen was released on $5,000 bail pending disposition of his appeal against the conviction and sentence.

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AT an Immigration Service hearing for David Hyun, Korean-born Los Angeles architect, affidavits declaring he would be jailed, tortured or killed if deported to Syngman Rhee's S. Korea were submitted by two right-wing labor leaders, four foreign correspondents and nine other public figures. In seeking his deportation to S. Korea under the Walter-McCarran Act, along with that of Chungsoon and Choon Cha Kwak in New York, the Immigration Service contends there is no evidence they would be "physically persecuted."

Among those signing affidavits to the contrary in the Hyun case were Roger Baldwin of the American Civil Liberties Union; the London **Daily Telegraph**'s Reginald Thompson, author of **Cry Korea**; and Korean expert Prof. Harrop Freeman, who said Hyun's life "would be seriously endangered" if only because of the anti-Rhee activities of his father Rev. Soon Hyun.

8 months on Island

The N. Y. Comm. for Protection of Foreign Born drew attention last week to the fact that Boris Sklar, editorial writer for the Russian-language daily **Russky Golos**, is entering his eighth month on Ellis Island where he was caged under the Walter McCarran Act. He is 68 years old, has lived in the U. S. for 41 years, has never been charged with committing any crime. The committee said the Justice Dept. "has not even sought to explain any real reason for denying him bail." It urged that messages of greeting and support be sent to Sklar (address: Ellis Island, N. Y. Harbor, N. Y.).

'Salt of the Earth' opening in four cities in May

The film **Salt of the Earth** will have its West Coast premiere in San Francisco, May 7, at the World Theater (formerly the Verdi) at 644 Broadway, near Columbus. The picture, now in its 7th week at the 86th St. Grande Theater in New York, was produced by Independent Pictures with the Intl. Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers. It was written by Academy Award winner Michael Wilson, directed by Herbert J. Biberman, musical score by Sol Kaplan, produced by Paul Jarrico. A small professional cast is headed by Rosaura Revueltas, the distinguished Mexican actress, twice winner of the Mexican "Oscar," and Will Geer. The majority of the actors are miners and miners' wives, all members of Mine-Mill Local 890, Bayard, N. M. Juan Chacon, president of Local 890, and Henrietta Williams, a miner's wife, play the leading non-professional roles. The picture tells the story of a strike in a mining community in New Mexico, "Zinc Town, U. S. A.," and the development of a new relationship between the men and women of the community as they recognize each others' real values in the fight for better conditions and equality. Bosley Crowther of the N. Y. **Times** called the picture ". . . a rugged and starkly poignant story." Other openings scheduled for this month: SILVER CITY, N. M.; Skyview Theater May 5. CHICAGO: Hyde Park Theater, May 14; Cinema Annex, May 21. DENVER: Cameron Theater, May 14.

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THREE PUERTO RICANS AND A MURDER IN NEW YORK

Youths face chair; are they guilty? Was jury free of bias in trial?

By Elmer Bendiner

LAST March three Puerto Rican youths were on trial for their lives. The jurors, chosen from a blue-ribbon panel of businessmen, on their way in and out of the courtroom at Foley Sq. passed newsstands with bold headlines on "Puerto Rican terrorists."

As the trial opened Lolita Lebron and three companions had fired pistols in the House of Representatives in a desperate demonstration for their island's independence. Puerto Ricans were being rounded up in many parts of the country. On April 2 the 12 businessmen brought in a verdict of "guilty of murder in the first degree" and by refusing to recommend mercy made the death sentence mandatory. Judge Jonah J. Goldstein sentenced the three youths to die in the electric chair May 10. It was a record; never before in N. Y. County had a 17-year-old been sent to the chair.

CONCEPCION ESTRADA CORREA
Facing death at seventeen

THE CRIME: Notice of appeal was filed at once, the death sentence stayed. Now Concepcion Estrada Correa, 17, Pedro Antonio Rios, 17, and Henry Matthews, 22, are in Sing Sing death house, still maintaining their innocence. For at least two of them the State must appoint attorneys to carry on the appeal. The families' money ran out long ago.

The crime charged is a brutal stabbing and bludgeoning of an 85-year-old woman. The State marshaled evidence against the three, but part of it was marred by alleged third-degree methods and by the fact that the State's witnesses were parolees or otherwise under pressure from the police. (Some retracted their testimony, then retracted their retractions.) At the trial's end there were great questions unanswered, loopholes for doubt.

THE BACKGROUND: Throughout the trial the three were offered a sure chance to save their lives if they would plead guilty to a lesser crime. They maintained their innocence though they knew this might mean their death. Behind the case, making the question of guilt or innocence almost irrelevant, lay the tragic story of three Puerto Ricans growing up in New York with all the odds against them.

The police story skipped the upbringing of the three, where tragedy was plainly forecast, and began at 10:15 a.m., June 3, 1953, when the body of Mrs. Anna Levy, 85, was found stabbed and beaten in her tenement apartment at 188 Norfolk St., lower East Side.

Police said the killers had stolen $90 from the woman and failed to notice $1,700 hidden in the kitchen stove. Detectives had little to go on but noted that on the night of the murder, a few doors away at 168 Norfolk St., the apartment of a young woman, Gloria Carmen Maldenado, had been broken into and wrecked, though not robbed. On the following day she moved out.

"THE RIGHT THING": Miss Maldenado was brought in, questioned, held as a material witness on $25,000 bail. She denied all knowledge of the murder. Her address book yielded a number of Puerto Rican names. One was Henry Matthews (or Massio), of 1440 Park Av., a boy-friend. After being held for more than a week, her bail was reduced to $500 (which was posted at once). Simultaneously she announced: "I want to do the right thing about the law."

She told police that Matthews had told her he and his friends wanted to pull a robbery in the neighborhood.

THE THREE: Out of her address book came another young man: Carlos Gennaro, 18, out of school since he was seven, illiterate. After questioning by police (on the stand he said they swung at him on occasion), Gennaro named the three who were to be charged with murder: Matthews, Estrada Correa and Rios. He said he was with them at 1 a.m. June 3 in a luncheonette at 106th St. and Lexington Av.; they said they were going downtown to visit a girl and asked him to join them; they spoke of a robbery; he told them he was tired, and they went without him.

The three were picked up. Estrada Correa was held 42 hours incommunicado. Rios was kept eight hours without food. All three later charged they were beaten. Brought before the District Atty., each told a story alike in some respects but differing in others; each incriminating the other two, but declaring his own innocence.

POLICE VERSION: The State pieced together this story of the night of June 2-3: The three had wrecked Miss Maldenado's apartment, then gone to a building adjoining 188 Norfolk St., climbed to the roof, then down the fire escape of 188. Estrada Correa, said the police, was posted as a look-out on the rear of the roof while Rios and Matthews robbed and killed the old lady.

Hearing a scream, Estrada ran to the stairway of the adjoining building, down six flights, met Matthews and Rios as they came out of the apartment. The others refused to divide the $90 with Estrada, ran from him.

THE ACCUSED'S VERSION: Much of the State's case rested on Estrada's original story to the District Atty. Estrada speaks no English, used a police interpreter. In court he and the others retracted their statements, said they had been extracted by beatings and threats. This is the story they told their lawyers and the one they cling to in the death house.

They were in the luncheonette in the early morning of June 3. Matthews said he had a date with Miss Maldenado and some friends. Broke, the three boys sneaked into the subway. Getting no answer at the Maldenado apartment, they broke in, settled down to wait for her. When she and her friends failed to show up, the three boys wrecked the apartment out of pique, went out, boarded an uptown bus, told the driver they had no money, refused to get off.

Uptown, Estrada and Rios went to Rios' house. Matthews went to his own home. On the following morning Rios pawned his suit for some ready cash.

CONFUSING EVIDENCE: The State bolstered its case with a witness who said one of the boys had told him later of the crime, but he was a known narcotics addict, plainly amenable to pressure by the police. On the witness stand Miss Maldenado said she had met Matthews in the Grand Central Station of the IRT and angrily asked him why he had wrecked her apartment and killed the old lady. She said he then confessed to both.

The testimony of Carlos Gennaro seemed to weigh heaviest with the jurors. He testified hearing them plot the robbery, and later hearing them admit it.

After the verdict but before the sentencing, Carlos Gennaro came to Matthews' attorney, Benjamin Levy, said his testimony had been false, given as the result of police threats. Judge Goldstein was informed and had Gennaro brought before him in his chambers. Afterward he was put on the stand where he denied that he retracted his testimony.

The death sentence followed.

SECOND LOOK: Throughout the trial each lawyer told his defendant that if he would plead guilty to a lesser crime —manslaughter, first or second degree—he would get no more than 15-20 years, perhaps be out in five years, certainly would not go to the chair. Each insisted he had no part in the murder of Anna Levy.

Since the trial the Puerto Rican press in New York and San Juan have taken a second look at the loopholes in the evidence, the prejudice in the courtroom. The U.S. press gave the story scant notice during the trial, none since.

In subsequent articles the GUARDIAN will weigh the evidence, show who and what condemned these young New Yorkers to a brutal, wasted youth before they were condemned to death.

Lamont and Ross at rally May 6

CORLISS LAMONT and Paul Ross will head the speakers' list at the American Labor Party's anti-McCarthy rally, Manhattan Center, Thursday, May 6.

As chairman of the ALP Council on Public Affairs, Ross will chart the party's course in the coming election campaign. Clifford T. AcAvoy, ALP mayoralty candidate last year, will chair the meeting. Scheduled to perform at the rally are Nadyne Brewer, Pete Seeger and Les Pine.

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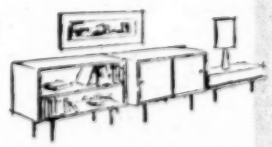

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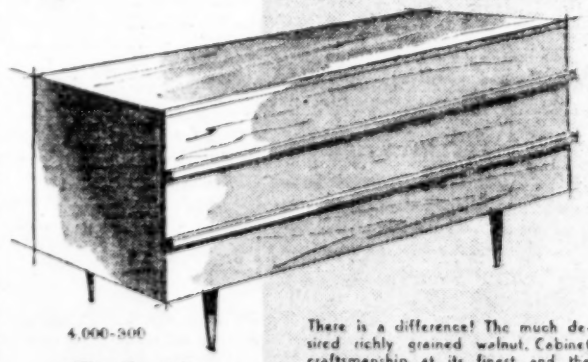

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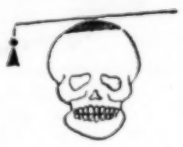
3 Hunter teachers suspended; Board makes conditions for jobs clear: Inform, or else

ON Monday, April 12, in the middle of Academic Freedom Week, three Hunter College professors were suspended. It was not the first time Hunter students had come to class to find their teachers replaced for political reasons, but there was a deadly new twist in the suspensions of Drs. V. Jerauld



McGill (psychology and philosophy); Louis Weisner (mathematics); Charles W. Hughes (music).

The new twist was the first known achievement of a Special Committee of the Board of Higher Education set up last June under head investigator Michael A. Castaldi. When the axe fell on the Hunter three, the committee made its rule plain: inform or else.

"PRESUMPTIVE EVIDENCE": Previous suspensions had been based on teachers' refusal under investigation to answer questions about past or present beliefs. Each of the Hunter professors had testified freely that he had been, but no longer was, a Communist Party member. It was not enough. The formal charge against each included one portentous typographical emphasis: Each did "conceal and refuse to furnish ALL [underlined in the Board of Higher Education charges] of the facts or information . . . relating to the membership in the unit or group. . . ."

The Feinberg Law, cited in the charges, rules that "evidence of membership in a subversive organization . . . shall be presumptive evidence that membership has continued, in the absence of a showing that such membership has been terminated in good faith."

"GOOD FAITH": The GUARDIAN asked Arthur H. Kahn, law asst. to the Board of Higher Education, how a teacher might show he had terminated membership in any organization in good faith? "The possibilities are infinite in their variety," said attorney Kahn.

The GUARDIAN asked: "Would you say that giving information on the other members of such a group would be one indication of good faith?"

Kahn: "Surely. That would be a very good indication."

In announcing the suspensions, chief prober Castaldi said that "a faculty member, like any other citizen, of course, has the right to invoke the Fifth Amendment. . . . Nevertheless, it is our view that such a faculty member who chooses to assert his constitutional privilege to remain silent is violating his duty and obligation as a member of an institution of higher learning."

THE UNTOLD "ALL": The heart of the case against each professor was the failure to tell "all"; but Dr. McGill was also charged with testifying falsely before the Rapp-Coudert Committee in 1941, and again before the Jenner Internal Security subcommittee in 1952 when he denied knowing that informer Bella Dodd was a Communist or having met her outside of union meetings. All three were also charged with collusion in an agreement not to turn informer.

Each had been summoned on short notice to appear before Castaldi. The questioning was sharp, persistent and to the point: name the names.

CONSCIENCE: Dr. McGill told the undergraduate paper, the **Arrow:** "I co-operated with the committee as far as I conscientiously could, that is I answered every question asked me, except those involving other persons and their activities some 15 years ago."

He said he told the committee he had been a CP member from 1936-1941 but added: "I could not, in conscience, reveal the names of a few persons who had been members during this period . . . for they had violated no laws, nor done any harm I knew of, and their motives and activities had been mainly anti-fascist. I did my best, however, to persuade former members of some 15 years ago to testify about themselves and my efforts were attended with some success. For many years I have been alien, hostile to communism."

NON-PARTISAN MATH: The axe fell some three weeks after the probe with a phone call and a telegram, both at night. Hunter College's Dean John Meng told each he was suspended for "unbecoming conduct . . . neglect of duty."

All three professors were veterans at Hunter. McGill joined the faculty as instructor in 1929; Hughes and Weisner in 1927. The **Arrow** polled students of the Hunter three and in a suspension extra published these samples:

"It is quite impossible to shade trigonometry along the 'red' party line, without it being very apparent to the students in the class. I was never aware of Dr. Weisner practicing this." —Wilma B. Steisel

"I have spent six months in Prof. McGill's logic class in 1953 and had not noticed a single instance of any partiality or slanting of the course to any particular philosophy. . . . I say this with a background of alertness within the liberal movement against the initiation of Communists into its ranks." —Jagna Wojcicki

"Dr. Hughes never gave any discussion or indication of political opinions of any sort. He's a music teacher and he taught music." —Barbara Johannes

LEGAL BUT UNETHICAL: The paper's sampling cited no student who found any tainted teaching in the three professors. The **Arrow** and the Student Council found the suspension in line with the Feinberg Law but assailed the law and called for its repeal. Said the **Arrow:**

"If these men were preaching Communistic ideology to their students, then they are a danger to our community. But if they remained true to the ethics of their profession, and many students claim they did, then their suspension, while legal, is contradictory to the basic ethics of a democracy."

PROTESTS URGED: Last week Drs. Hughes and Weisner filed written answers with the Board and Dr. McGill was ex-

pected to do so before May 3. The three will face a departmental trial before a three-man committee set up by the Board. No date has been set.

The Teachers Union called for protests to Mayor Wagner, Gustave Rosenberg, chairman of the Board of Higher Education's committee on the Feinberg Law, board chairman Joseph B. Cavallaro and Hunter College Dean John Meng.

The witch-hunt was further spurred last week by a N.Y. Court of Appeals ruling (4 to 3) that teachers could be fired for failing to answer questions by Congressional investigators regarding membership.

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"The crisis we face," he said, "calls for sanity, which can only flower in the soil of facts." On hand to provide them were the distinguished Korean Chungsoon Kwak (whose story has appeared in the GUARDIAN), and associate editors Kumar Goshal and Tabitha Petran. Delving into the background of the Korean war, Kwak described his country's history since the Japanese conquest—sanctioned later by the U. S. under Theodore Roosevelt in the Treaty of Portsmouth—and the nature of the N. and S. Korean governments. He hoped the Geneva conference would bring about the removal of all foreign troops and Korea's reunification by peaceful means, because Koreans "have nothing to gain from war, everything to gain in peace."

DILEMMAS AND PERSPECTIVES: Speaking on Indo-China, Goshal traced its story from the French conquest to the present. He stressed the necessity for negotiating for peace with the Ho Chi Minh government, because of its popularity based upon reforms it has successfully undertaken even in the midst of war. Miss Petran discussed the forces favoring and opposing possible U.S. entry into the Indo-China war, described how Washington's bankrupt policy is alienating America's closest friends and creating internal dilemmas for Britain and France.

In the question period Kwak dealt with the possibility of the reopening of the Korean war, Goshal with Indian Prime Minister Nehru's foreign policy; Petran predicted that China's status as a major power cannot be wished away despite Secy. Dulles' efforts to deny it equality at Geneva.

The forum record will soon be available for GUARDIAN readers.

R. to l: Rachel Fast, Howard Fast (greeting a well wisher), Mrs. Bette Fast, Shirley Graham DuBois, Paul Robeson

MAYOR LISTENED

Sales tax extension appears dead

THE proposed extension of the sales tax was all but dead last week. The Mayor and the Board of Estimate, which had quickly if regretfully, turned down all protests from city employes on salaries, responded to a businessmen's lobby which has hammered at the new sales tax since it was debated at a public hearing two weeks ago.

Though businessmen admitted much of the tax would have been passed on to the consumer, consumer protest was unorganized. Retail Assns., the Chamber of Commerce and virtually every large business organization including the N.Y. Stock Exchange joined in killing the bill.

CARS OR PAYROLLS: Last week city officials admittedly were looking for other targets. Auto owners seemed the likeliest victims. One proposal was to tax overnight parking. Parking licenses would be issued costing $60 a year, making the already high cost of driving in the city almost prohibitive for many. As the law now stands all overnight parking is prohibited anywhere in the city but police estimate that 700,000 cars are regularly parked all night at the city's curbs.

Also revived are proposals for a payroll tax. As Borough President, Wagner advocated it; as mayoralty candidate he opposed it. Current suggestions at City Hall indicate it would be levied only against incomes over $5,000, payable at a rate of 1.5% of the salary and shared equally by employer and employe.

The Legislature has authorized such a tax on salaries over $1,200 and city officials wondered whether it would be legal to boost the exemption to $5,000. There was no inkling last week that any official was considering raising revenue by accurately evaluating underassessed commercial real estate in the city.

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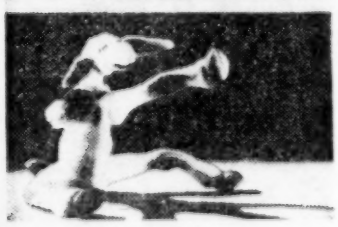

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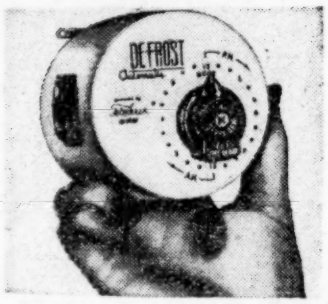

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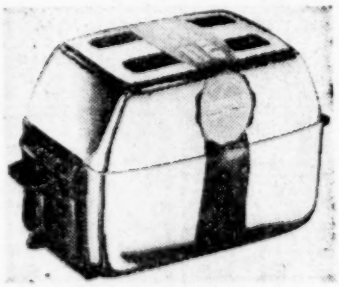

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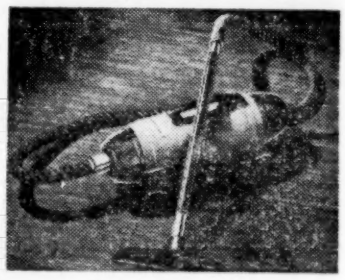

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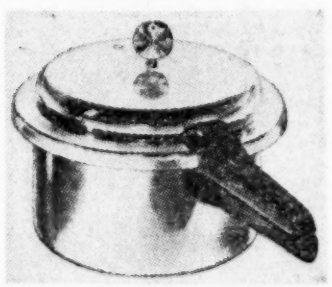

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THE DAY JOE McCARTHY began raising points of disorder before his own committee, Sen. Hendrickson's committee on juvenile delinquency was lowering the boom on "comic" magazine publishers.

In the U.S. Court House in New York, Richard Clendenen, staff director for the Senate group, fortified by a lurid exhibit of magazine covers that screamed out crime and horror, decried the 20 million "sadistic" comic books sold every month over the nation's newsstands. Chief testifying expert was Dr. Frederic Wertham, author of **Seduction of the Innocent** (Rinehart & Co., New York), who continued to charge the publishers with perverting the minds of minors. A pioneer crusader in this field, Wertham told a judge back in 1948, after a comics-befuddled 16-year-old had been sentenced for the killing of a storekeeper: "It is obviously easier to sentence a child to life imprisonment than to curb a hundred-million-dollar business."

CERTAINLY CHILDREN SHOULD BE PROTECTED from a nightmarish view of the world as a reeling planet inhabited exclusively by green-faced ghouls, gunmen, ice-pick murderers, demented scientists and girls in bras consorting with over-sized gorillas. However, this stuff is turned out principally for the adult market, no matter how attractive it may prove to the young. A swift thumbing of the ads makes it clear that children are not expected to buy nylons, auto-seat covers, reducing powders or lessons in Judo. (The minority appeal—to catch young suckers—is the customary offer of "be-a-salesman - and-win - a - bike," and a couple of medicines—one to overcome skinniness, the other to cure bed-wetting.)

DR. FREDERIC WERTHAM

Over 400 comic books come out every month. They are read in three out of every four American homes. In one home out of three they are virtually the only reading matter. While Pogo and Little Lulu and Nancy spread sunshine and smiles, the crime-and-horror characters represent mankind as becoming more and more debased. The code by which they live might be expressed:

The sock in the jaw
Is nine points of the law.

IT IS NOT MERELY A QUESTION of how children see us. How do we see ourselves? Let's take the story "The Ape Man." It begins with a description of a convention of world-famous scientists: "There was something about them . . . an arrogant certainly that science had plunged (sic) the depth of truth." The convention is crashed by an ape disguised as a man who cries out: "Man is not descended from the ape; it is ape who is an offshoot of man." And when the stranger is rejected by the scientists, he returns to his tree, doffs his disguise, and swinging from a branch mumbles bitterly: "I tried to enlighten mankind, but their superstitions are too strong."

Now the use of successive pictures to tell a story goes back to the carving on the tombstones of China and the temple walls of Cambodia. Relating and preserving the legends and lore of the nation are necessary for cultural development. Our own newspaper comic strip is honorably descended from a form of parody and comment on our national behaviour. However, we have detoured from the "jokes" and "funnies" of yesterday to the thrillers, chillers and killers of this generation. Behind the glib talk of "hostilities" and "taking out aggressions" lurks the realization that brutality is not only being sanctioned but sanctified. These grisly tales of blood-baths, pagan rites, midnight murders, vigilantism and super-militarism seem more like Nazi Germany than democratic America.

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